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CHARGE STATEMENT FOR A REVIEW ON THE NAKNEK RIVER SPORT COMMERCIAL SERVICES/GUIDE FISHERIES

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At its 2018 Bristol Bay Finfish meeting, the Alaska Board of Fisheries' (board) heard testimony from a number of Naknek River sport guide operators and the Naknek/Kvichak Fish and Game Advisory Committee on multiple proposals seeking to limit the number of guided anglers on a discrete portion of the river. The board recognized the need for some action, while acknowledging multiple social and economic dynamics with this issue including, crowding, negative impacts on fishing experience, reduced accessibility to the fishery by local residents, and potential detrimental effects on rainbow trout and king salmon populations.

As a result of this discussion, the board is creating a temporary committee to review the subject and its statewide implications. Further, the board determined it would issue a finding and potentially proposals to address the issue.

The committee, with Members Morisky and Johnson, will provide an update and potentially a recommended proposal at the board's 2020 Statewide meeting.

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December 2, 2018
Dillingham, Alaska

Reed Morisky, Chair
Alaska Board of Fisheries